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FEATURING.... "SUPERMAN'S LOST CENTURY!"
I'M MISSING A HUNDRED YEARS!!

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
THIS IS KAL-EL... SUPERMAN...
...ADOPTED ON ANOTHER WORLD BY STONE-AGE PEOPLE...
HERE HE IS WITH HIS WIFE AND SON, AS LEADER OF A GREAT NATION...
...AND HERE HE'S AN OLD MAN...
...HIDING OUT IN A WORLD DEVASTATED BY ATOMIC WAR!
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE THREE IMAGINARY STORIES, RIGHT? WELL, WE HAVEN'T! THIS IS ONE STORY... AND IT'S THE REAL THING! YET EVEN SUPERMAN HIMSELF DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS MISSING EPISODE IN HIS LIFE! HE'S COMPLETELY MYSTIFIED BY THE PUZZLE OF...
"100 YEARS... LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN!"

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ONE NIGHT, IN THE APARTMENT OF CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT...
NO, RUOA, DON'T! WHY DO YOU HATE ME SO MUCH... WHY?...
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS THE MAN OF STEEL SLEEPS IN HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
EVERYONE HAS... TURNED AGAINST ME! I'M AN OUTCAST--
AND 24 HOURS LATER, BACK IN THE APARTMENT...
THOL... YOUR THEORY ABOUT ME... IS FANTASTIC...
ANOTHER NIGHT... ANOTHER NIGHTMARE...
THIS IS THE FOURTH NIGHT IN A ROW I'VE HAD WEIRD, UNEXPLAINABLE NIGHTMARES! I CAN REMEMBER SIMILAR DREAMS WHEN I WAS A CHILD!
I MUST FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED THEM!
SCANT MOMENTS AFTER LEAVING METROPOLIS, SUPERMAN IS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, IN HIS ARCTIC FORTRESS, DEEPLY PUZZLED...
EVERYTHING I SAW IN MY NIGHTMARES WAS STRANGE, FOREIGN TO ME... EXCEPT THIS ROCKET, THE ONE MY FATHER, JOR-EL, SENT ME TO EARTH IN! IT WAS DAMAGED WHEN ITS SUPER-FUEL EXPLODED, SHORTLY AFTER IT LANDED!
THE ROCKET IS THE FIRST AND LAST IMAGE I REMEMBER IN EVERY NIGHTMARE!
THEN--ACTING ON A HUNCH, THE MAN OF MIGHT SUBJECTS THE ROCKET TO A STRANGE TEST...
I HAVE AN ODD COMPULSION TO USE MY MATTER-ANALYZER TO DETERMINE THE AGE OF THIS KRYPTONIAN ROCKET! BUT WHY? I ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER!
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DO YOU, SUPERMAN?
:GASP! THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE! THE GAUGES DON'T SHOW IT TO BE A FEW DECADES OLD, AS I EXPECTED... BUT OVER A CENTURY!
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I WAS IN THAT ROCKET DURING THE ENTIRE JOURNEY FROM KRYPTON TO EARTH... YET I'M NOT A HUNDRED YEARS OLD!
AND MY NIGHT-MARES OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS ON ANOTHER WORLD -- HOW ARE THEY TIED IN WITH THIS?
WILL I EVER SOLVE THIS MYSTERY?
NO-- THERE IS NO WAY FOR SUPERMAN TO FIND THE ANSWER! BUT YOU WILL, READER! SIT BACK, AS WE UNRAVEL THE MOST BAFFLING, FANTASTIC STORY EVER TOLD ABOUT THE MAN OF STEEL--A STORY HE WILL NEVER KNOW!
LET'S GO BACK TO THE TIME, MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN BABY KAL-EL (THE FUTURE SUPERMAN) IS BEING SENT AWAY FROM EXPLODING KRYPTON...
THE BLAST CREATES A TREMENDOUS SHOCK WAVE THAT UPSETS THE COSMOS SURROUNDING THE DYING PLANET...
... INCLUDING A NEARBY SPACE-WARP, WHICH HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY AFFECTED BY THE MASSIVE DISTURBANCE!
THE TINY ROCKET IS DRAWN INTO THE WARP-- AND INSTANTANEOUSLY HURLED INTO ANOTHER UNIVERSE, FAR DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN...
SOON, THE SHIP AND IT'S PRECIOUS CARGO ARE HURTLING DOWNWARD, TOWARD THE SURFACE OF A PLANET... AND IT IS SEEN BY THAT WORLD'S INHABITANTS...
BEHOLD! A FIRE-BOLT IS FALLING FROM THE STARS!
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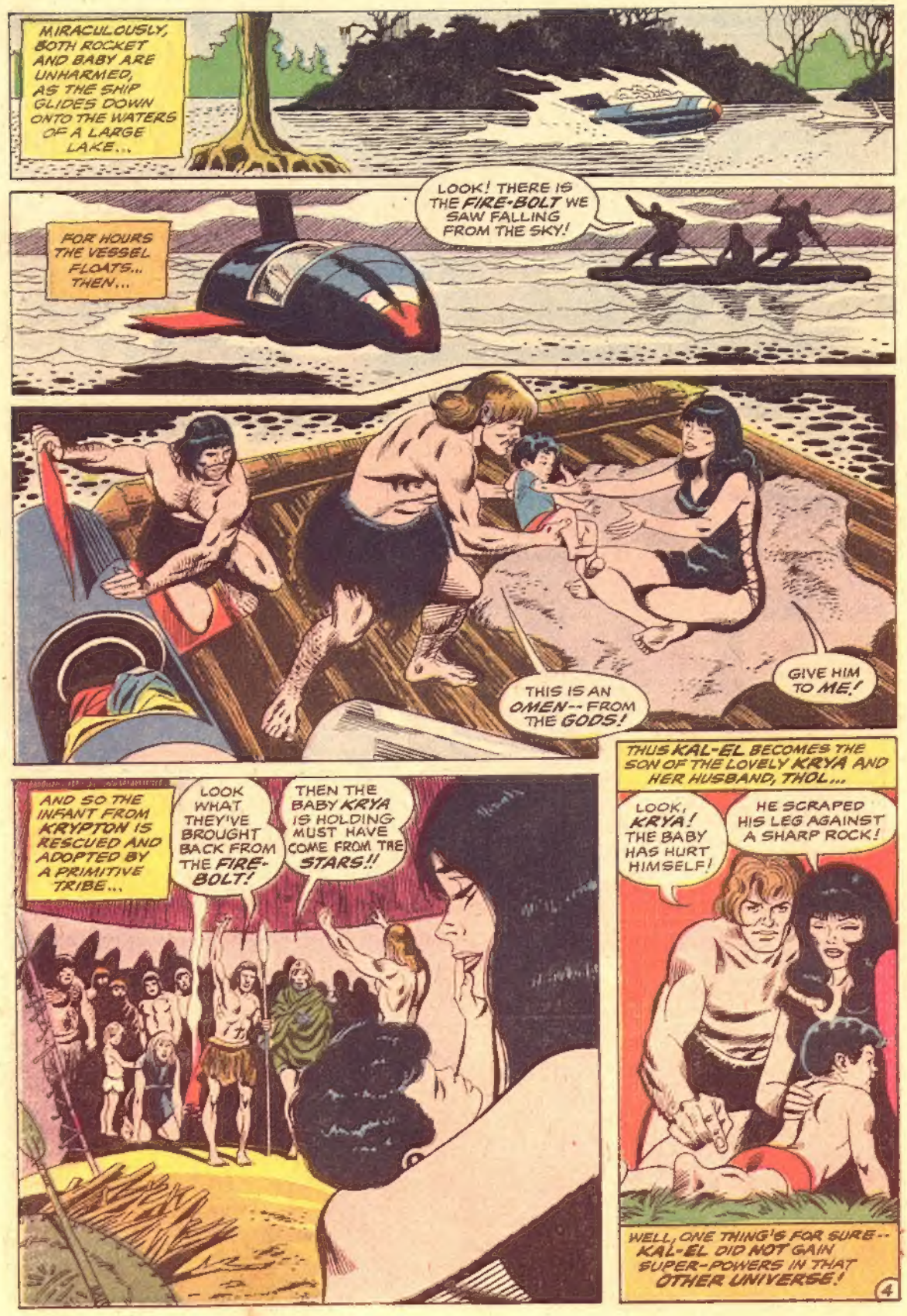
MIRACULOUSLY, BOTH ROCKET AND BABY ARE UNHARMED, AS THE SHIP GLIDES DOWN ONTO THE WATERS OF A LARGE LAKE...
FOR HOURS THE VESSEL FLOATS... THEN...
LOOK! THERE IS THE FIRE-BOLT WE SAW FALLING FROM THE SKY!
THIS IS AN OMEN -- FROM THE GODS!
GIVE HIM TO ME!
AND SO THE INFANT FROM KRYPTON IS RESCUED AND ADOPTED BY A PRIMITIVE TRIBE...
LOOK WHAT THEY'VE BROUGHT BACK FROM THE FIRE-BOLT!
THEN THE BABY KRYA IS HOLDING MUST HAVE COME FROM THE STARS!!
THUS KAL-EL BECOMES THE SON OF THE LOVELY KRYA AND HER HUSBAND, THOL...
LOOK, KRYA! THE BABY HAS HURT HIMSELF!
HE SCRAPED HIS LEG AGAINST A SHARP ROCK!
WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE -- KAL-EL DID NOT GAIN SUPER-POWERS IN THAT OTHER UNIVERSE!
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BUT THERE'S ONE OTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY... LITTLE RUOA... WHO OBSERVES HER NEW BABY BROTHER FROM A DISTANCE...
MY PARENTS, KRYA AND THOL, KEEP FUSSING AROUND THE BABY FROM THE FIRE-BOLT... AND FORGET ABOUT ME!
I DO NOT LIKE THAT!
SOON, A CEREMONY OF THE FLAME IS HELD, AND THE ALIEN BABY IS OFFICIALLY NAMED...
AS THE ELDER-PROPHET, I HEREBY GIVE THIS INFANT THE NAME OF SONN-- THE STAR-CHILD!
SEVERAL YEARS HAVE PASSED-- THE STAR-CHILD IS NOW 10 YEARS OLD... AND HIS CIVILIZATION HAS ADVANCED REMARKABLY...
THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE IN JUST THE PAST EIGHT YEARS IS STAGGERING, SONN! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE WERE LIVING IN CAVES WHEN WE FOUND YOU!
LOOK, FATHER!
BY THE MOONS OF VISI! A DEVIL-DRAGON IS LOOSE IN THE STREETS! ITS DREADED EYE-BLASTS CAN TURN A PERSON EVIL FOR LIFE!
NO, SONN! STAY BACK!
I'M A SMALLER TARGET THAN ANYONE ELSE!
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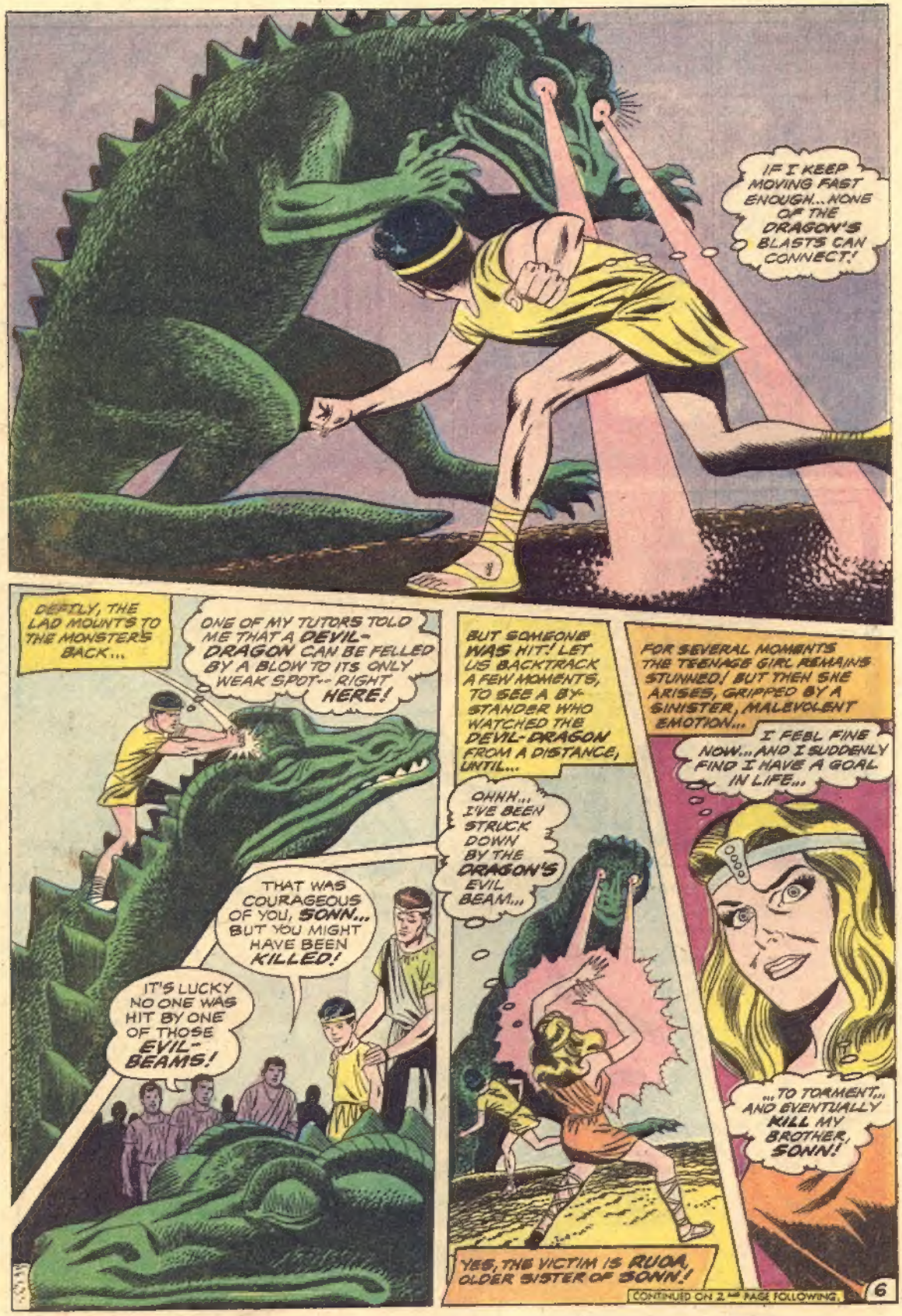
IF I KEEP MOVING FAST ENOUGH... NONE OF THE DRAGON'S BLASTS CAN CONNECT!
DEFTLY, THE LAD MOUNTS TO THE MONSTER'S BACK...
ONE OF MY TUTORS TOLD ME THAT A DEVIL-DRAGON CAN BE FELLED BY A BLOW TO ITS ONLY WEAK SPOT-- RIGHT HERE!
THAT WAS COURAGEOUS OF YOU, SONN... BUT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED!
IT'S LUCKY NO ONE WAS HIT BY ONE OF THOSE EVIL-BEAMS!
BUT SOMEONE WAS HIT! LET US BACKTRACK A FEW MOMENTS, TO SEE A BY-STANDER WHO WATCHED THE DEVIL-DRAGON FROM A DISTANCE, UNTIL...
OHHH... I'VE BEEN STRUCK DOWN BY THE DRAGON'S EVIL BEAM...
YES, THE VICTIM IS RUOA, OLDER SISTER OF SONN!
FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS THE TEENAGE GIRL REMAINS STUNNED! BUT THEN SHE ARISES, GRIPPED BY A SINISTER, MALEVOLENT EMOTION...
I FEEL FINE NOW... AND I SUDDENLY FIND I HAVE A GOAL IN LIFE...
...TO TORMENT... AND EVENTUALLY KILL MY BROTHER, SONN!
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TIME MOVES FORWARD--AND THE AMAZING CIVILIZATION ADVANCES INTO THE WONDERS OF THE MACHINE AGE...
...UNTIL, YEARS LATER, WHEN THE STAR-CHILD HAS BECOME A YOUNG ADULT...AND, BY COINCIDENCE, BECAUSE HIS NAME BEGINS WITH AN "S", HE WEARS AN OUTFIT SIMILAR TO THE ONE HE IS DESTINED TO WEAR AS SUPERMAN...
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THESE NEW BOOTS, RUDA! THEY LOOK TERRIFIC!
WAIT TILL YOU PUT THEM ON, IDIOT!
I'M TRYING TO MAKE AMENDS FOR ALL THE UNKINDNESS I'VE SHOWN YOU OVER THE YEARS, SONN!
NO SOONER ARE THE BOOTS ON, THAN...
HEYYY! WHAT GIVES? THESE THINGS ARE SHOOTING ME UP INTO THE AIR!
HA, HA, HA!
I FIRED THE JET-PROPELLED SOLES BY REMOTE CONTROL! NOW I CAN WATCH MY BROTHER MAKE A FOOL OF HIMSELF... AND HOPE HE DOESN'T GET DOWN IN ONE PIECE!
THIS IS PRICELESS! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO FUNNY! HA, HA!
HELP! I CAN'T SLOW DOWN!
THEN, SONN SPOTS A CHILD IN PERIL...
MOMMY--I SLIPPED!
JON! HE'LL BE KILLED!
HE SURE WILL, UNLESS I CAN DO SOMETHING! IF I CAN GUIDE THESE BOOTS TO ROCKET ME HIS WAY...
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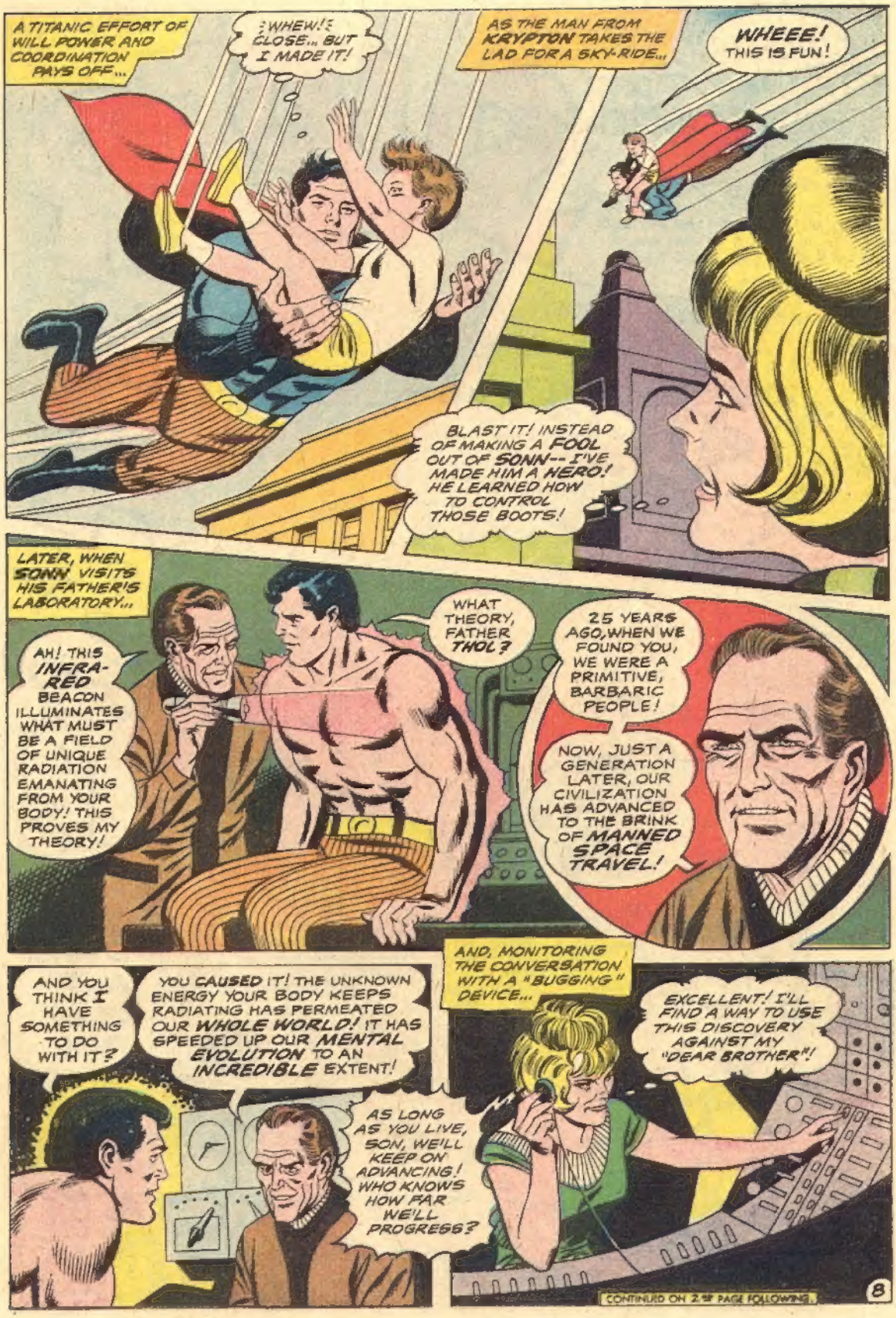
A TITANIC EFFORT OF WILL POWER AND COORDINATION PAYS OFF...
:WHEW!: CLOSE... BUT I MADE IT!
AS THE MAN FROM KRYPTON TAKES THE LAD FOR A SKY-RIDE...
WHEEE! THIS IS FUN!
BLAST IT! INSTEAD OF MAKING A FOOL OUT OF SONN-- I'VE MADE HIM A HERO! HE LEARNED HOW TO CONTROL THOSE BOOTS!
LATER, WHEN SONN VISITS HIS FATHER'S LABORATORY...
AH! THIS INFRA-RED BEACON ILLUMINATES WHAT MUST BE A FIELD OF UNIQUE RADIATION EMANATING FROM YOUR BODY! THIS PROVES MY THEORY!
WHAT THEORY, FATHER THOL?
25 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE FOUND YOU, WE WERE A PRIMITIVE, BARBARIC PEOPLE!
NOW, JUST A GENERATION LATER, OUR CIVILIZATION HAS ADVANCED TO THE BRINK OF MANNED SPACE TRAVEL!
AND YOU THINK I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?
YOU CAUSED IT! THE UNKNOWN ENERGY YOUR BODY KEEPS RADIATING HAS PERMEATED OUR WHOLE WORLD! IT HAS SPEEDED UP OUR MENTAL EVOLUTION TO AN INCREDIBLE EXTENT!
AS LONG AS YOU LIVE, SON, WE'LL KEEP ON ADVANCING! WHO KNOWS HOW FAR WE'LL PROGRESS?
AND, MONITORING THE CONVERSATION WITH A "BUGGING" DEVICE...
EXCELLENT! I'LL FIND A WAY TO USE THIS DISCOVERY AGAINST MY "DEAR BROTHER"!
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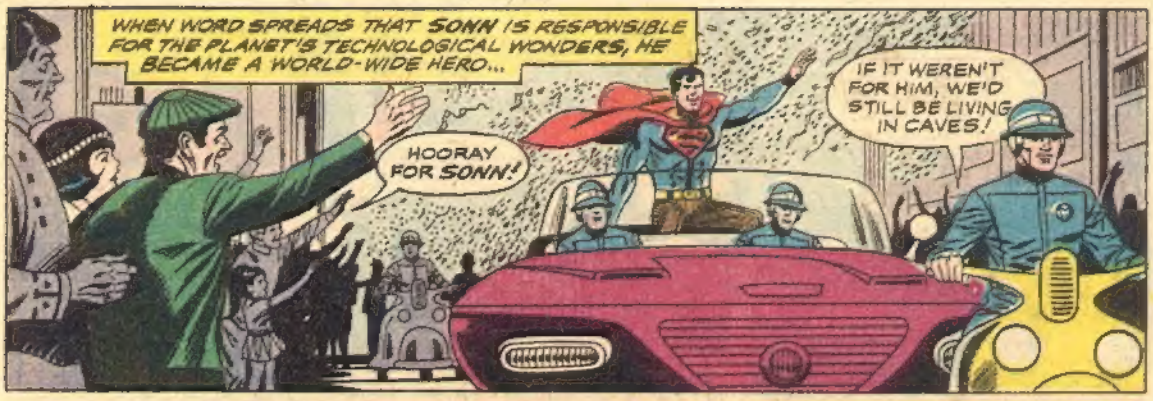
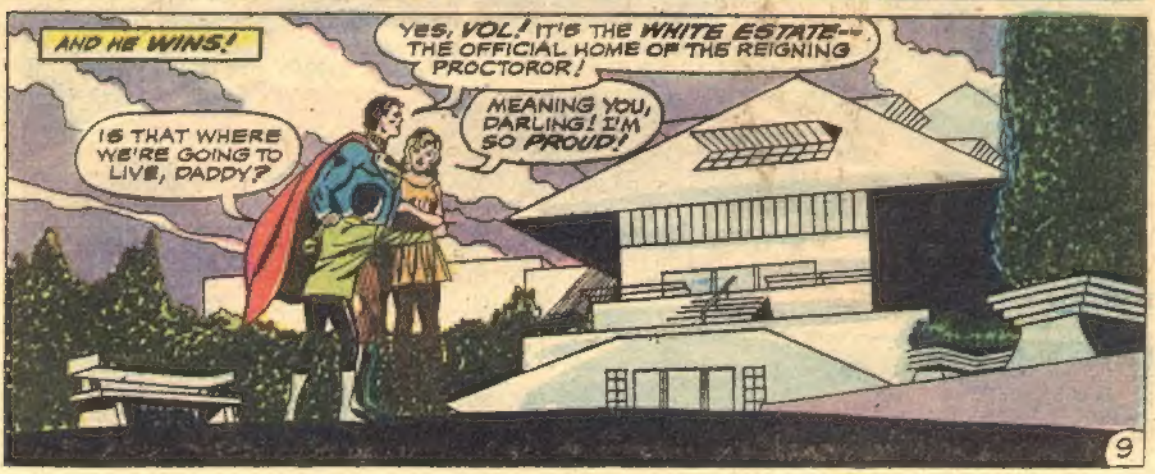

WHEN WORD SPREADS THAT SONN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANET'S TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS, HE BECAME A WORLD-WIDE HERO...
HOORAY FOR SONN!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, WE'D STILL BE LIVING IN CAVES!

SOON AFTER, THE ADULT STAR-CHILD TAKES A WIFE...
BY VIRTUE OF THIS GOLDEN CHAIN, LINKING YOU TOGETHER, I DECLARE THAT YOU, SONN, AND YOU, LASIL, ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE...

AS THE YEARS PASS, SONN BECOMES MORE AND MORE POPULAR, UNTIL HE IS FINALLY NOMINATED FOR PROCTOROR ...OR PRESIDENT OF HIS NATION...
I AM PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE! I PLEDGE TO DO MY BEST IF ELECTED...
ELECT SONN
SONN for PROCTOROR


AND HE WINS!
YES, VOL! IT'S THE WHITE ESTATE-- THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE REIGNING PROCTOROR!
MEANING YOU, DARLING! I'M SO PROUD!
IS THAT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO LIVE, DADDY?

BUT, POSSESSED BY THE DEVIL-DRAGON'S EVIL, RUOA STILL PLOTS HER FOSTER-BROTHER'S DOWNFALL...
AT LAST... THE MEANS TO DESTROY SONN! THIS LIVING ELEMENT, BASED ON THE ENERGY EMITTED BY THE DEVIL-DRAGONS, CAN TURN THE WHOLE PLANET EVIL! THIS PARADISE OF PROGRESS WILL BECOME A NIGHTMARE!
BUT SUDDENLY..
:GASP!: THE ELEMENT! IT'S BREAKING OUT OF THE TANK PREMATURELY! I'LL BE HIT BY ITS FULL POWER...
:COUGH!: THE RADIATION... IS KILLING ME! BUT THE LIVING EVIL HAS STARTED DIFFUSING... THE WORLD WILL GROW WICKED... AND SONN WILL BE BLAMED...
THE DREADED SUBSTANCE SPREADS OVER THE ENTIRE PLANET--AND SOON TAKES ITS FULL EFFECT..
GET OFF MY LAND!
IT'S NOT YOURS! IT'S MINE!
THIS IS FOR REFUSING TO SHARE YOUR PROFITS WITH OUR CRIME FEDERATION!
UUUHHH!
WE WILL NOT GIVE IN TO YOUR DEMANDS!
THEN WE'LL STRIKE..WITH OUR FULL POWER!
AND SO THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF THE SPREAD OF THE LIVING EVIL IS ATOMIC WAR!

AS THE ONCE-GREAT CITIES ARE SHATTERED BY WAR AND INTERNAL STRIFE, SONN WHO WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE EVIL, STRIVES TO STOP THE MADNESS ..
PUT A HALT TO THIS NEEDLESS VIOLENCE-- BEFORE WE WIPE OUT OUR WHOLE RACE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "OUR RACE," YOU ALIEN?
IT'S HIS FAULT! IF NOT FOR SONN, THERE'D BE NO ATOMIC WEAPONS!
LET'S GET HIM!
HE BROUGHT US NOTHING BUT MISERY!
NO USE! I MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO TALK SENSE TO A MAD DOG!
AFTER HIM! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
KILL HIM!
CAUTIOUSLY, THE SHATTERED IDOL SNEAKS BACK TO THE WHITE ESTATE, BUT...
:GASP!: THEY'VE TAKEN OVER THE ESTATE... ARRESTED MY FAMILY!
AND SO SONN BEGINS THE LIFE OF AN OUTCAST, A FUGITIVE...
CATCH HIM!
THERE'S A BIG REWARD FOR HIM... DEAD OR ALIVE!
YET THE MAN FROM KRYPTON MANAGES TO EVADE PURSUIT... FOR NOT A YEAR --NOT A DECADE-- BUT FOR FORTY YEARS...
I'M NEARLY OUT OF FOOD! I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO TRAP SOME TOMORROW ...AND HOPE I'M NOT SPOTTED!

THEN, ONE FATEFUL DAY, THE RUNNING AND THE HIDING FINALLY STOP...
UUHHH... CAN'T GO ON... HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH...
THERE HE IS! I'VE FOUND HIM AT LAST!
BUT SONN'S CAPTOR IS NOT AN ENEMY... IT IS HIS SON, VOL...
HIS PULSE IS IRREGULAR! I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!
SOON, AT VOL'S LIVING QUARTERS...
V-VOL! IS THAT YOU, SON?
YES, DAD! DON'T TRY TO TALK! IF MY APPARATUS FUNCTIONS PROPERLY, YOU AND OUR CIVILIZATION WILL GET A SECOND CHANCE! BECAUSE I'M YOUR SON, I WAS IMMUNE TO THE EVIL THAT OVER-RAN THE WORLD!
MY SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW HAS ADVANCED ENOUGH FOR ME TO CREATE THIS REJUVENATION BOOTH!
IT WILL MAKE YOU YOUNGER! AND AS IT DOES SO, OUR CIVILIZATION WILL DEVOLVE AT THE SAME TIME!
MOMENTS LATER, THE WONDROUS DEVICE HAS DONE ITS WORK...
BAWWWW!
STOP CRYING, DAD! YOU STILL HAVE A LONG TRIP AHEAD OF YOU! AND I MUST WORK QUICKLY, BEFORE MY BRAIN DEVOLVES!
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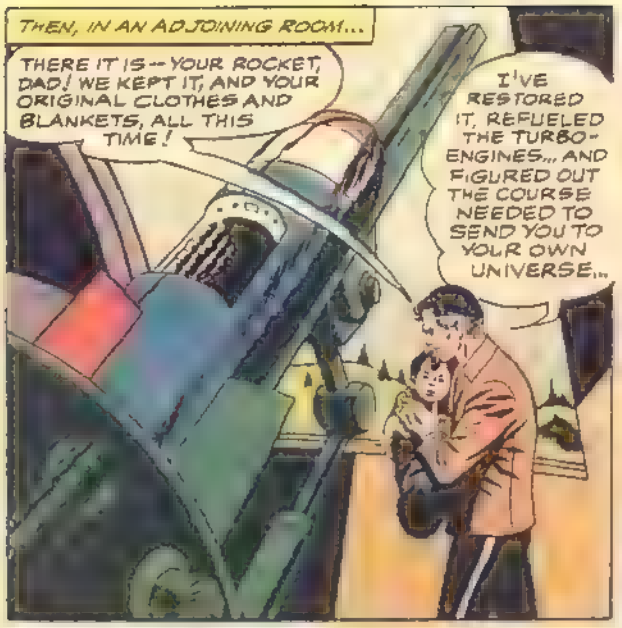
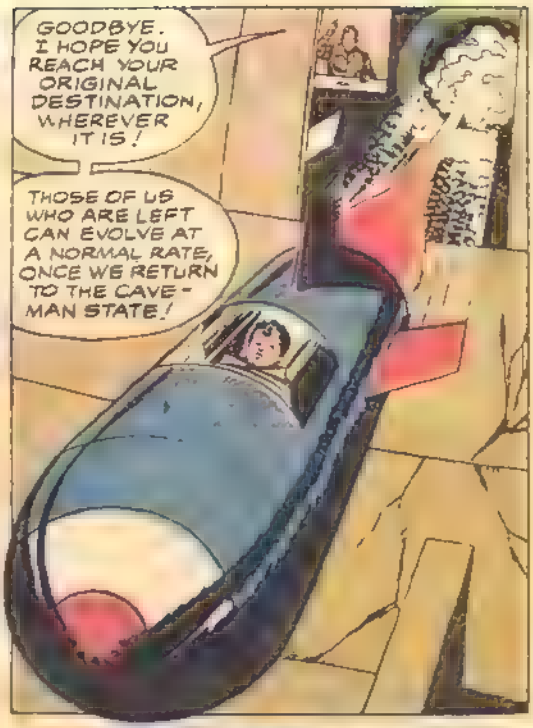
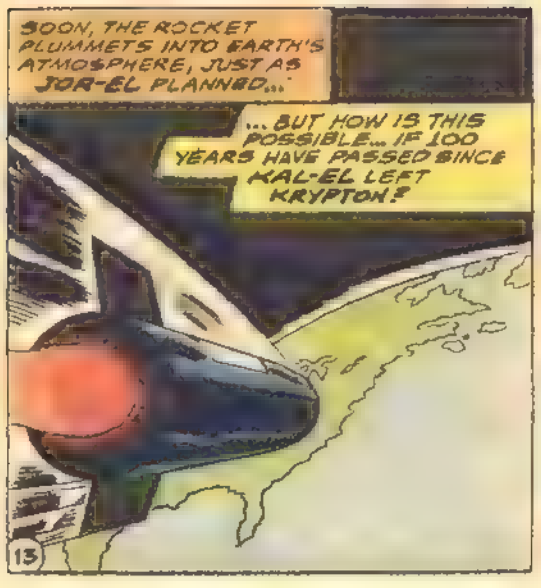

THEN, IN AN ADJOINING ROOM...
THERE IT IS -- YOUR ROCKET, DAD! WE KEPT IT, AND YOUR ORIGINAL CLOTHES AND BLANKETS, ALL THIS TIME!
I'VE RESTORED IT, REFUELED THE TURBO-ENGINES... AND FIGURED OUT THE COURSE NEEDED TO SEND YOU TO YOUR OWN UNIVERSE...


GOODBYE. I HOPE YOU REACH YOUR ORIGINAL DESTINATION, WHEREVER IT IS!
THOSE OF US WHO ARE LEFT CAN EVOLVE AT A NORMAL RATE, ONCE WE RETURN TO THE CAVE-MAN STATE!

THE TINY ROCKET SOON EMERGES FROM THE SPACE-WARP, IN OUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM...

AND BACK IN VOL'S LAB...
FATHER... GONE! HE RIDE TO SKY IN GREAT METAL ARROW!


SOON, THE ROCKET PLUMMETS INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, JUST AS JOR-EL PLANNED...
... BUT HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE... IF 100 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE KAL-EL LEFT KRYPTON?
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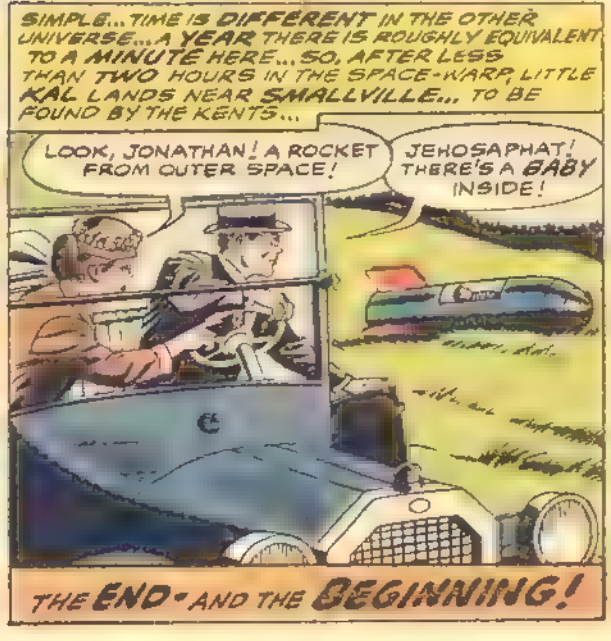
SIMPLE... TIME IS DIFFERENT IN THE OTHER UNIVERSE... A YEAR THERE IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO A MINUTE HERE... SO, AFTER LESS THAN TWO HOURS IN THE SPACE-WARP, LITTLE KAL LANDS NEAR SMALLVILLE... TO BE FOUND BY THE KENTS...
LOOK, JONATHAN! A ROCKET FROM OUTER SPACE!
JEHOSAPHAT! THERE'S A BABY INSIDE!
THE END - AND THE BEGINNING!

SUPERGIRL
SUPERGIRL... NOW THERE'S A DOLL WHO HAS EVERYTHING... LOOKS, BRAINS AND SUPER-POWERS! BUT ALL THESE ATTRIBUTES MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO HOLD A HUSBAND... IF HE'S A HUNDRED PERCENT HEEL! WITNESS THE TALE OF...
SUPERGIRL'S SHATTERED MARRIAGE!
GARY, DARLING! YOU CAN'T ABANDON ME AND OUR DAUGHTER THIS WAY! DITCH THAT SPACE HUSSY AND COME HOME!
CUT THE NAGGING, SUPERGIRL! OUR MARRIAGE IS A FLOP! I WANT OUT!
AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, AS FORLORN LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS WATCHES...
SO I'M SNOOPING! SOB! I KNEW GARY SPARKS WAS A TWO-FACED PHILANDERER... BUT THAT DIDN'T KEEP ME FROM FALLING FOR HIM LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!
AS LINDA'S RIVAL LEAVES...
I SAW YOU SMOOCHING THAT CHICK! SO THE CAMPUS CASANOVA IS UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS!
FACE IT, LINDA, BABY! WITH MY CHARM, IT'D BE A CRIME TO LET ONE GIRL MONOPOLIZE ME!
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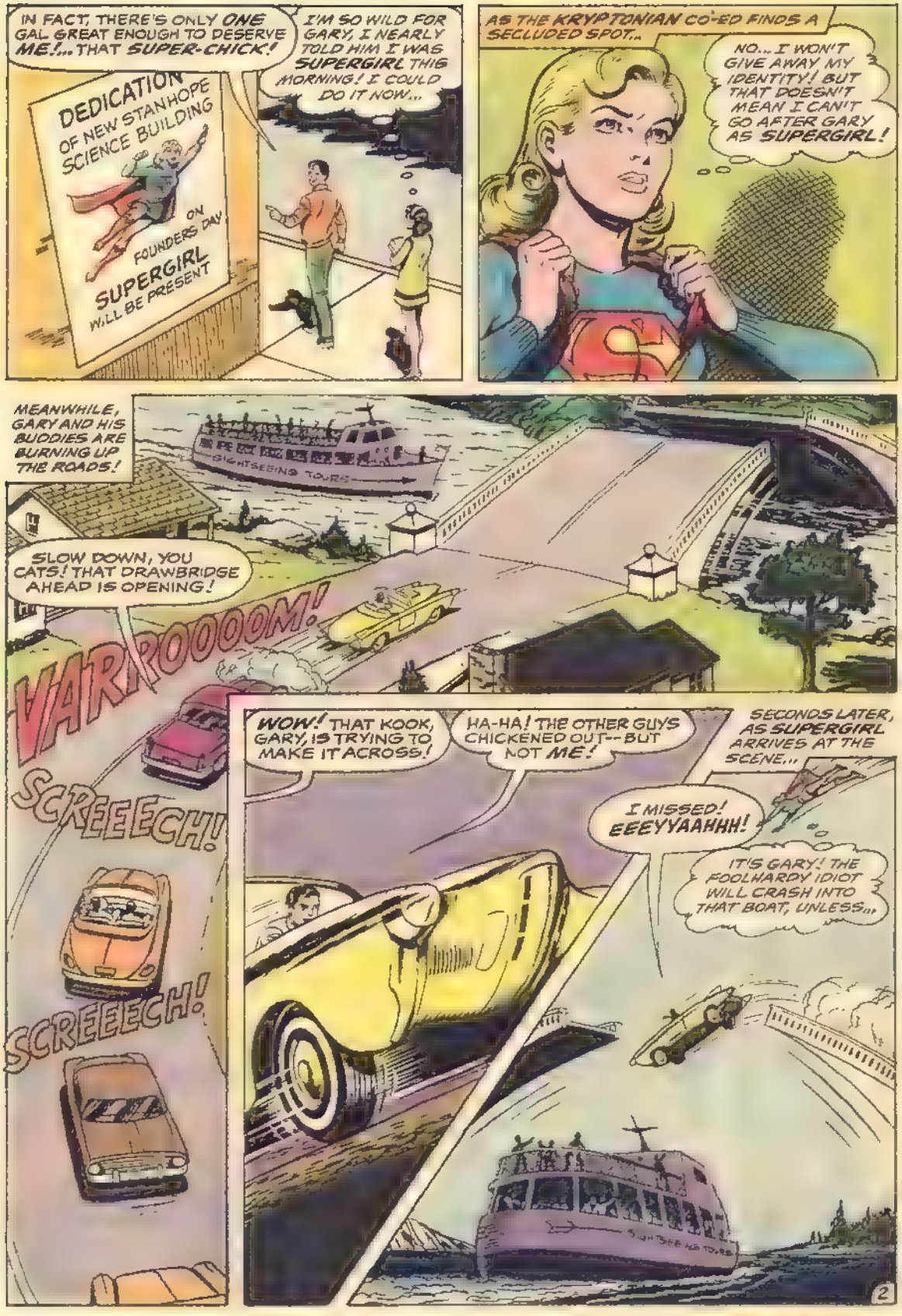
IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY ONE GAL GREAT ENOUGH TO DESERVE ME!... THAT SUPER-CHICK!
I'M SO WILD FOR GARY, I NEARLY TOLD HIM I WAS SUPERGIRL THIS MORNING! I COULD DO IT NOW...
DEDICATION OF NEW STANHOPE SCIENCE BUILDING
ON FOUNDERS DAY SUPERGIRL WILL BE PRESENT
AS THE KRYPTONIAN CO-ED FINDS A SECLUDED SPOT...
NO... I WON'T GIVE AWAY MY IDENTITY! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T GO AFTER GARY AS SUPERGIRL!
MEANWHILE, GARY AND HIS BUDDIES ARE BURNING UP THE ROADS!
SIGHTSEEING TOURS
SLOW DOWN, YOU CATS! THAT DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD IS OPENING!
VAROOOOM!
SCREEECH!
SCREEECH!
WOW! THAT KOOK, GARY, IS TRYING TO MAKE IT ACROSS!
HA-HA! THE OTHER GUYS CHICKENED OUT--BUT NOT ME!
SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL ARRIVES AT THE SCENE...
I MISSED! EEEYYAAHHH!
IT'S GARY! THE FOOLHARDY IDIOT WILL CRASH INTO THAT BOAT, UNLESS...
SIGHTSEEING TOURS
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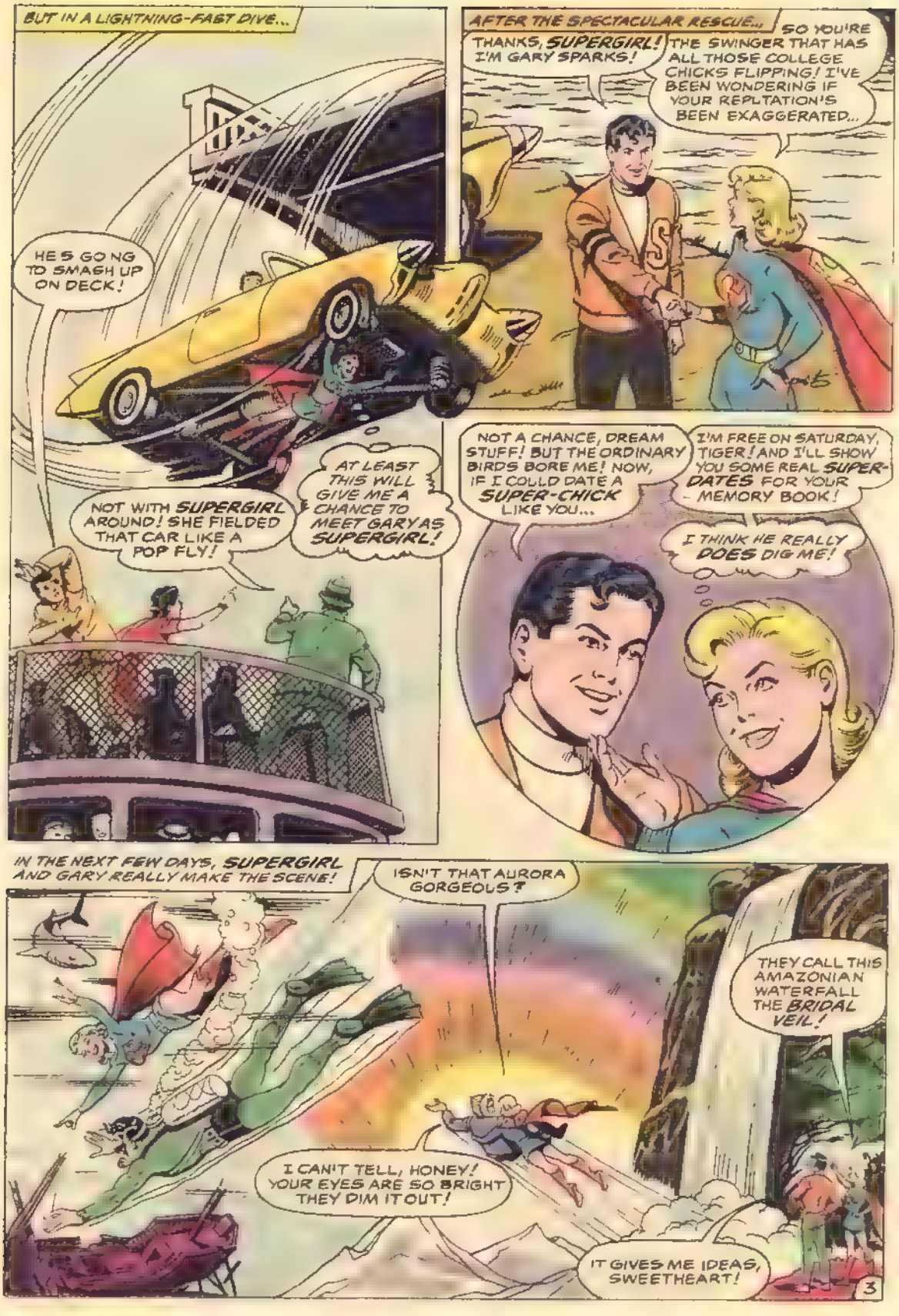
BUT IN A LIGHTNING-FAST DIVE...
HE'S GOING TO SMASH UP ON DECK!
NOT WITH SUPERGIRL AROUND! SHE FIELDED THAT CAR LIKE A POP FLY!
AT LEAST THIS WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO MEET GARY AS SUPERGIRL!
AFTER THE SPECTACULAR RESCUE...
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! I'M GARY SPARKS!
SO YOU'RE THE SWINGER THAT HAS ALL THOSE COLLEGE CHICKS FLIPPING! I'VE BEEN WONDERING IF YOUR REPUTATION'S BEEN EXAGGERATED...
NOT A CHANCE, DREAM STUFF! BUT THE ORDINARY BIRDS BORE ME! NOW, IF I COULD DATE A SUPER-CHICK LIKE YOU...
I'M FREE ON SATURDAY, TIGER! AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOME REAL SUPER-DATES FOR YOUR - MEMORY BOOK!
I THINK HE REALLY DOES DIG ME!
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SUPERGIRL AND GARY REALLY MAKE THE SCENE!
ISN'T THAT AURORA GORGEOUS?
THEY CALL THIS AMAZONIAN WATERFALL THE BRIDAL VEIL!
I CAN'T TELL, HONEY! YOUR EYES ARE SO BRIGHT THEY DIM IT OUT!
IT GIVES ME IDEAS, SWEETHEART!
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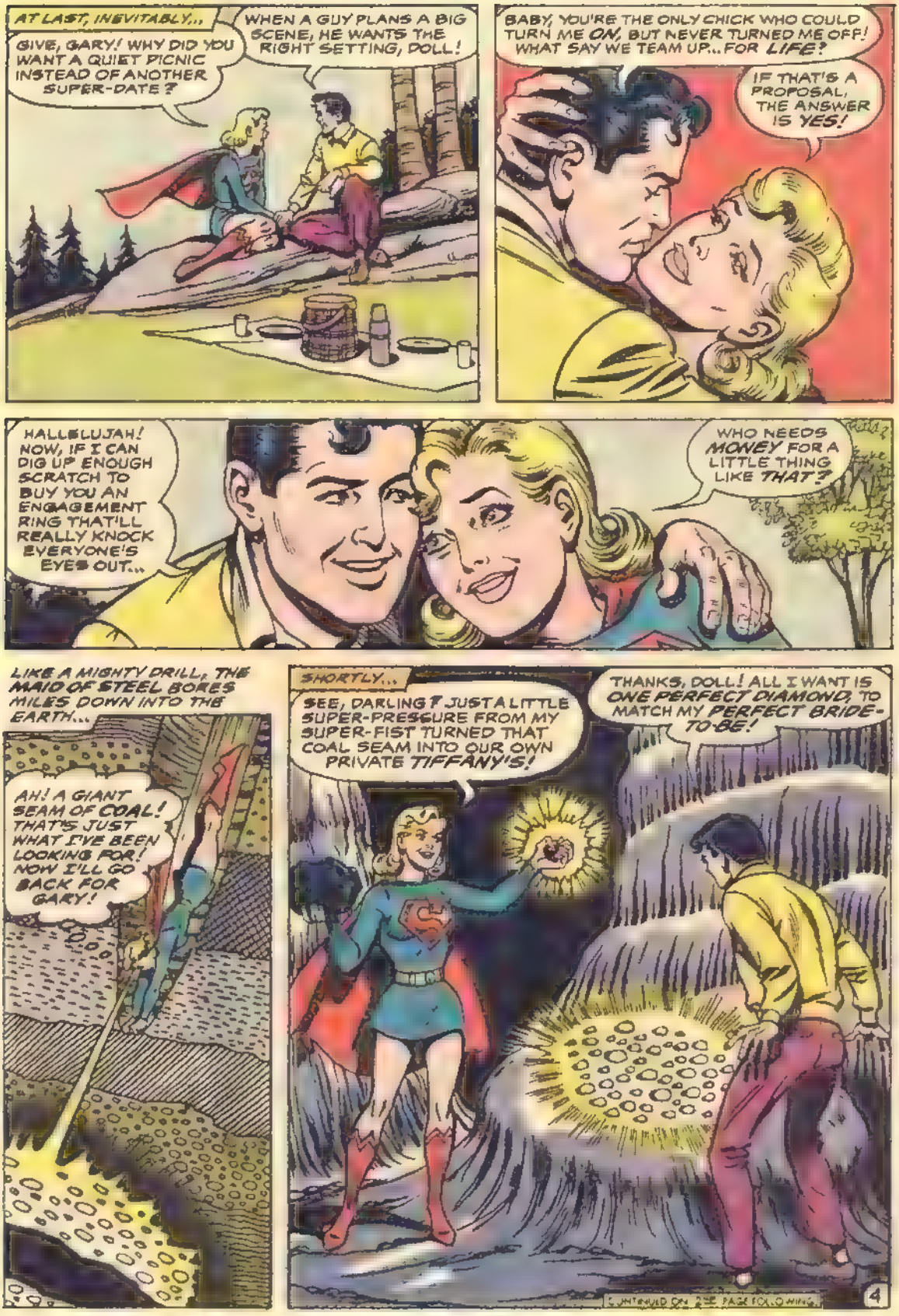
AT LAST, INEVITABLY...
GIVE, GARY! WHY DID YOU WANT A QUIET PICNIC INSTEAD OF ANOTHER SUPER-DATE?
WHEN A GUY PLANS A BIG SCENE, HE WANTS THE RIGHT SETTING, DOLL!
BABY, YOU'RE THE ONLY CHICK WHO COULD TURN ME ON, BUT NEVER TURNED ME OFF! WHAT SAY WE TEAM UP... FOR LIFE?
IF THAT'S A PROPOSAL, THE ANSWER IS YES!
HALLELUJAH! NOW, IF I CAN DIG UP ENOUGH SCRATCH TO BUY YOU AN ENGAGEMENT RING THAT'LL REALLY KNOCK EVERYONE'S EYES OUT...
WHO NEEDS MONEY FOR A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT?
LIKE A MIGHTY DRILL, THE MAID OF STEEL BORES MILES DOWN INTO THE EARTH...
AH! A GIANT SEAM OF COAL! THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! NOW I'LL GO BACK FOR GARY!
SHORTLY...
SEE, DARLING? JUST A LITTLE SUPER-PRESSURE FROM MY SUPER-FIST TURNED THAT COAL SEAM INTO OUR OWN PRIVATE TIFFANY'S!
THANKS, DOLL! ALL I WANT IS ONE PERFECT DIAMOND, TO MATCH MY PERFECT BRIDE-TO-BE!
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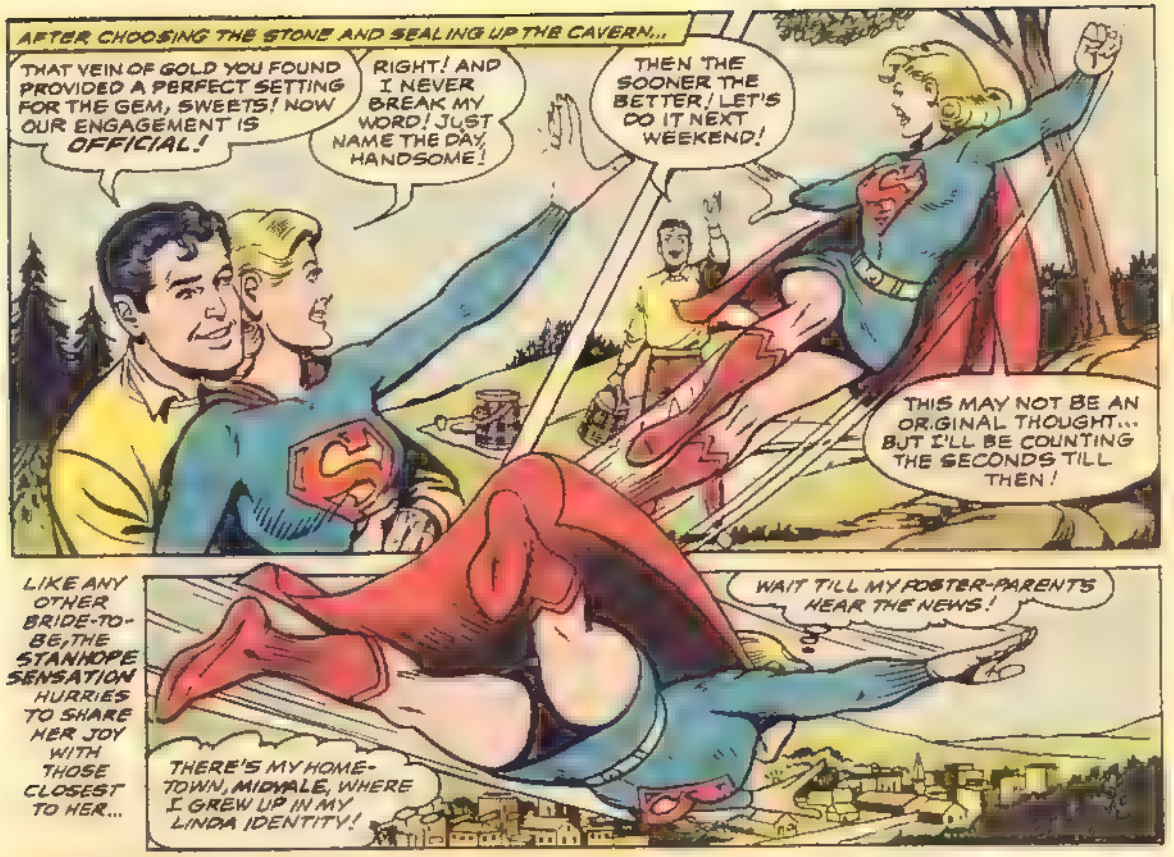
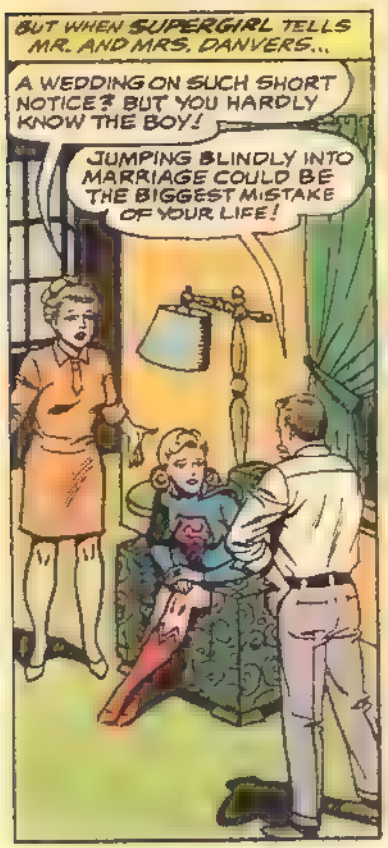
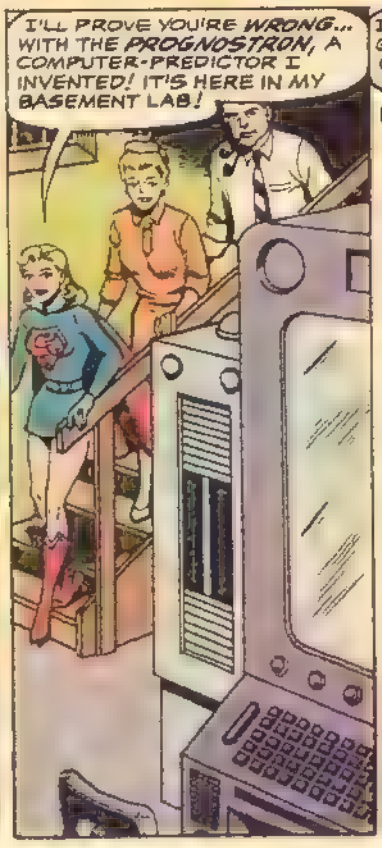

AFTER CHOOSING THE STONE AND SEALING UP THE CAVERN...
THAT VEIN OF GOLD YOU FOUND PROVIDED A PERFECT SETTING FOR THE GEM, SWEETS! NOW OUR ENGAGEMENT IS OFFICIAL!
RIGHT! AND I NEVER BREAK MY WORD! JUST NAME THE DAY, HANDSOME!
THEN THE SOONER THE BETTER! LET'S DO IT NEXT WEEKEND!
THIS MAY NOT BE AN ORIGINAL THOUGHT... BUT I'LL BE COUNTING THE SECONDS TILL THEN!

LIKE ANY OTHER BRIDE-TO-BE, THE STANHOPE SENSATION HURRIES TO SHARE HER JOY WITH THOSE CLOSEST TO HER...
WAIT TILL MY FOSTER-PARENTS HEAR THE NEWS!
THERE'S MY HOME-TOWN, MIDVALE, WHERE I GREW UP IN MY LINDA IDENTITY!


BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL TELLS MR. AND MRS. DANVERS...
A WEDDING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE? BUT YOU HARDLY KNOW THE BOY!
JUMPING BLINDLY INTO MARRIAGE COULD BE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE!


I'LL PROVE YOU'RE WRONG... WITH THE PROGNOSTRON, A COMPUTER-PREDICTOR I INVENTED! IT'S HERE IN MY BASEMENT LAB!

I'LL FEED ALL THE FACTS ABOUT GARY AND ME INTO THE CYBERNETIC CIRCUITS... THE PROGNOSTRON WILL COMPUTE OUR PROBABLE FUTURE! THE SCREEN WILL SHOW THE CONCLUSIONS!
HUMMMMM
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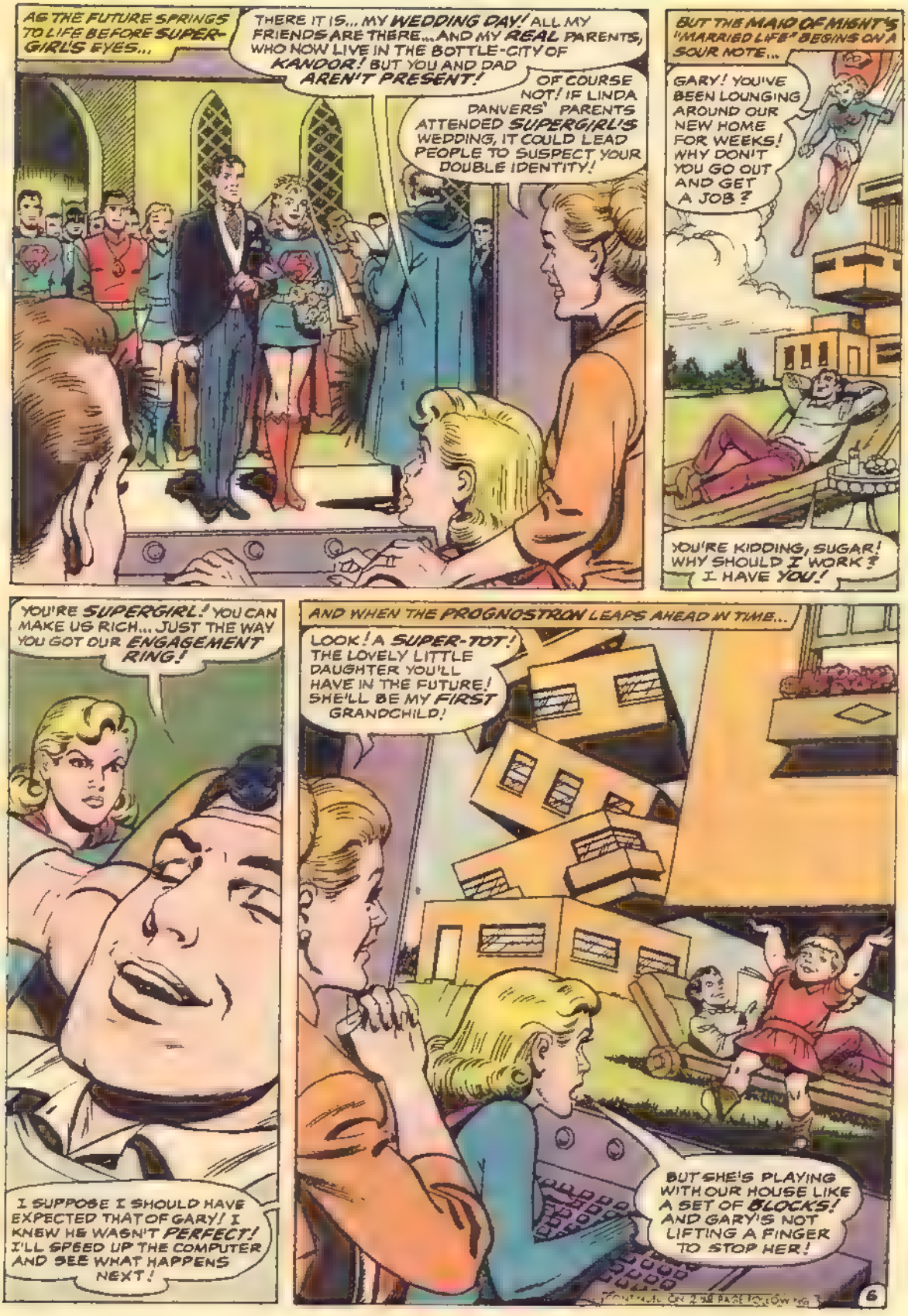
AS THE FUTURE SPRINGS TO LIFE BEFORE SUPERGIRL'S EYES...
THERE IT IS... MY WEDDING DAY! ALL MY FRIENDS ARE THERE... AND MY REAL PARENTS, WHO NOW LIVE IN THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR! BUT YOU AND DAD AREN'T PRESENT!
OF COURSE NOT! IF LINDA DANVERS' PARENTS ATTENDED SUPERGIRL'S WEDDING, IT COULD LEAD PEOPLE TO SUSPECT YOUR DOUBLE IDENTITY!
BUT THE MAID OF MIGHT'S "MARRIED LIFE" BEGINS ON A SOUR NOTE...
GARY! YOU'VE BEEN LOUNGING AROUND OUR NEW HOME FOR WEEKS! WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT AND GET A JOB?
YOU'RE KIDDING, SUGAR! WHY SHOULD I WORK? I HAVE YOU!
YOU'RE SUPERGIRL! YOU CAN MAKE US RICH... JUST THE WAY YOU GOT OUR ENGAGEMENT RING!
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT OF GARY! I KNEW HE WASN'T PERFECT! I'LL SPEED UP THE COMPUTER AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!
AND WHEN THE PROGNOSTRON LEAPS AHEAD IN TIME...
LOOK! A SUPER-TOT! THE LOVELY LITTLE DAUGHTER YOU'LL HAVE IN THE FUTURE! SHE'LL BE MY FIRST GRANDCHILD!
BUT SHE'S PLAYING WITH OUR HOUSE LIKE A SET OF BLOCKS! AND GARY'S NOT LIFTING A FINGER TO STOP HER!
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JUST THEN, THE FUTURE SUPER-MOM APPEARS...
I LEAVE ON A MISSION FOR A FEW MINUTES AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS! CAN'T YOU WATCH LITTLE KALA THAT LONG?
YOU THINK I'M SUPERMAN? THAT KID INHERITED YOUR POWERS, YOU KNOW!
PEEK
THE MOTHER OF STEEL COMES UP WITH THE ANSWER!
THERE! THE ROBO-NURSE I INVENTED WILL KEEP AN EYE ON KALA WHENEVER I'M AWAY! YOU CAN GOOF OFF AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE!
VERRRY FUNNNNY!
RRRRRRRRR
CLINK!
BUT THE NEXT TIME THE MOM OF MIGHT RETURNS FROM A MISSION...
:ULP!: THIS LOOKS LIKE A DISASTER AREA! I LEFT THE ROBO-NURSE IN CHARGE! WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT TIN-CAN SITTER WAS MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE, SO I TURNED IT OFF!
BUT WHEN THE COMPUTER PEERS INTO THE MONTHS AHEAD...
AND SO...
THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE KALA WITH ME EVERYWHERE I GO!
GARY IS GETTING MORE SELFISH EVERY DAY! I'LL ACCELERATE THE PROGNOSTRON! MAYBE HE'LL REFORM... I HOPE!
WHAT'S THIS? A STRANGE SPACE-CRAFT IS DROPPING IN WHILE I'M OFF ON A MISSION! AND WHO'S THAT GORGEOUS GAL AT THE CONTROLS?

I'M LUSTRA OF GALACTIC TOURS! SUPERGIRL WAS TO HELP ME FILM EARTH'S WONDERS!...
SHE'S BUSY... BUT I'D BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU AROUND... IF I HAD SUPER-POWERS!
ULP! THAT SPACE BEAUTY SEEMS TO BE TURNING GARY'S HEAD!
YOU CAN HAVE THEM, HANDSOME! JUST PUT ON THIS KINETIC ARMLET AND YOU'LL GAIN ALMOST AS MANY POWERS AS SUPERGIRL!
LIKE WOW! JUST SOCK IT TO ME, SPACE-DOLL, AND WE'LL BLAST OFF!
LATER...
GARY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERYWHERE! YOU NEVER HAVE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY... BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE PLENTY OF LEISURE TO GIVE THIS ALIEN HUSSY THE GRAND TOUR!
BUZZ OFF! I'M SICK OF YOUR NEEDLING!
I'LL DO AS I PLEASE... AND IF THAT BUGS YOU, WE CAN SETTLE THINGS IN A DIVORCE COURT!
WHY, YOU LAZY, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...
A QUARREL... RIGHT IN FRONT OF THAT GIRL!
... I SHOULD BREAK YOUR NECK...
NO... IF I HIT GARY FULL FORCE, I COULD KILL HIM... UNLESS THAT ARMLET HAS MADE HIM INVULNERABLE! I CAN'T WATCH! I'M SHUTTING OFF THE PROGNOSTRON!
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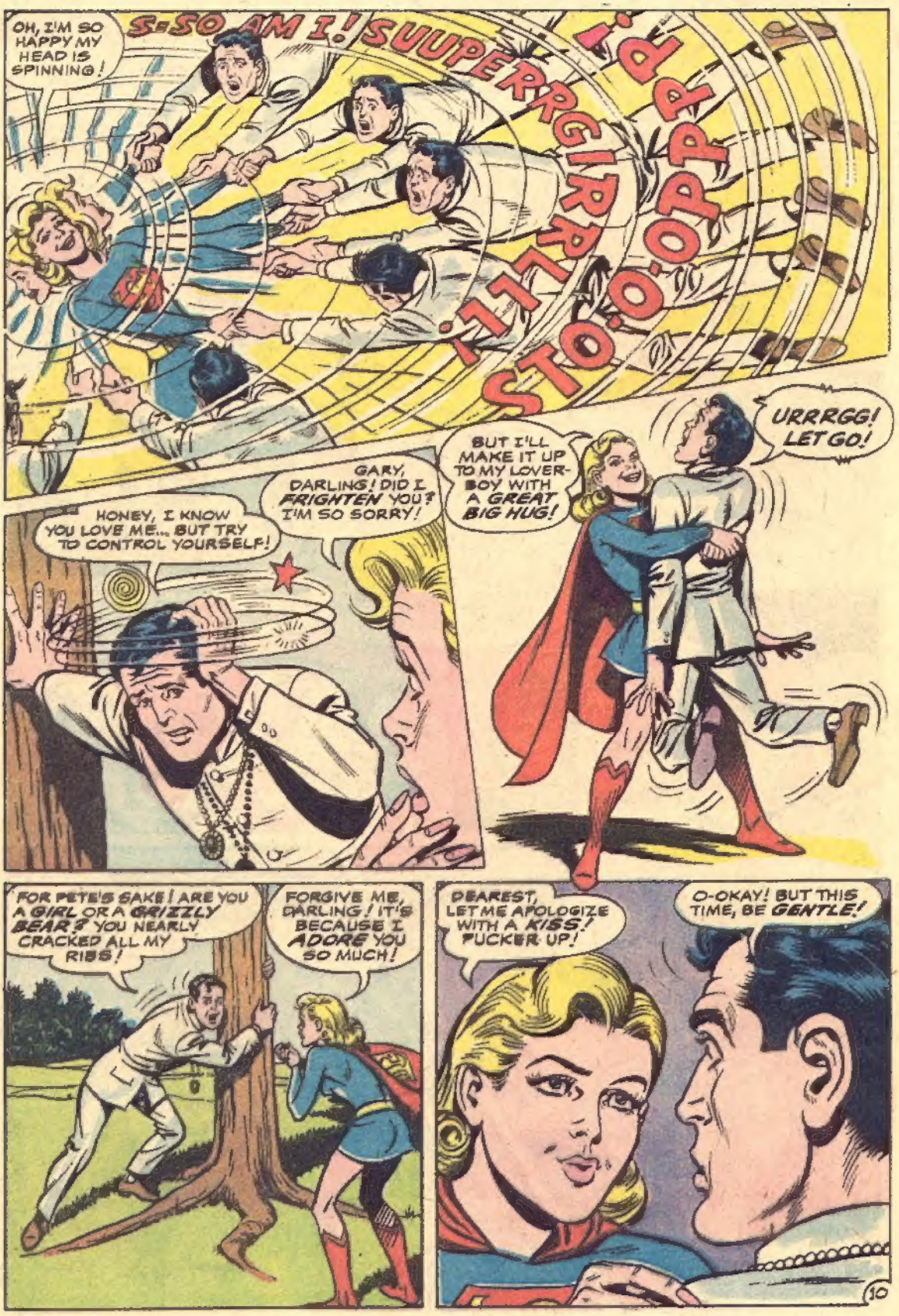
YOU WERE RIGHT, DAD! GARY'S A FIRST-CLASS HEEL... AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE HIM! MARRYING HIM WOULD BE A DISASTER!
BUT YOU GAVE YOUR WORD... AND YOU NEVER BREAK A PROMISE!
TRUE... SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO CON GARY INTO BREAKING THE ENGAGEMENT!
NEXT DAY, AT STANHOPE...
LOOK, GARY... WE KNOW YOU'RE THE MOST POPULAR SWINGER ON CAMPUS! BUT WE CAN'T SWALLOW THE STORY THAT YOU'RE MARRYING SUPERGIRL!
YOU THINK I'M CONNING YOU? OKAY, HERE'S MY LITTLE BLACK ADDRESS BOOK... WATCH ME AND WEEP!
I'M TEARING UP YOUR PHONE NUMBERS! I WON'T WANT TO CALL ANY OF YOU GALS AFTER THE WEDDING TOMORROW!
THAT'S A PRETTY DRASTIC MOVE... FOR HIM! MAYBE HE'S NOT KIDDING!
NEXT DAY, AT CITY HALL...
HERE'S THE PAPER THAT'LL MAKE IT OFFICIAL! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MINISTER!
MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU
BY TOMORROW I'LL BE MRS. GARY SPARKS!
DARLING! I JUST CAN'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE MY HUSBAND! I'M DELIRIOUS WITH HAPPINESS!


OH, I'M SO HAPPY MY HEAD IS SPINNING!
S-SO AM I! SUUPERRGIRRLL!
I'D STOOPP
URRRGG! LET GO!
BUT I'LL MAKE IT UP TO MY LOVER-BOY WITH A GREAT BIG HUG!
GARY, DARLING! DID I FRIGHTEN YOU? I'M SO SORRY!
HONEY, I KNOW YOU LOVE ME... BUT TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF!
FOR PETE'S SAKE! ARE YOU A GIRL OR A GRIZZLY BEAR? YOU NEARLY CRACKED ALL MY RIBS!
FORGIVE ME, DARLING! IT'S BECAUSE I ADORE YOU SO MUCH!
DEAREST, LET ME APOLOGIZE WITH A KISS! PUCKER UP!
O-OKAY! BUT THIS TIME, BE GENTLE!
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SMMCCCHHHH!
MMFFF!
HER SUPER-KISS IS DRAWING OUT MY BREATH LIKE A GIANT VACUUM CLEANER! I CAN'T BREAK THE SUCTION!
THERE! THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU! AND I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE PROVING IT THE SAME WAY!
NO! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! THE WEDDING'S OFF! I'M GETTING OUT BEFORE I HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT... IN A BOX!
THIS TAKES CARE OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE... BUT I WISH I HADN'T DONE THE SAME TO MY PHONE NUMBERS!
PERFECT! I SCARED HIM INTO CHICKENING OUT!
NEXT DAY, AT STANHOPE...
GARY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR HONEYMOON WITH SUPERGIRL!
I BROKE OFF WITH HER... HONEST...
YOU JILTED SUPERGIRL? HA, HA! THAT'S THE WILDEST STORY I EVER HEARD!
POOR GARY! FROM NOW ON HE'LL BE KNOWN AS THE CAMPUS PHONEY INSTEAD OF THE LOCAL ROMEO! BUT I JUST CAN'T FEEL SORRY FOR HIM!
The End
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